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One entry found for **spectrum**.

Main Entry: **spectrum** 

Pronunciation: 'spek-trəm

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural spec·tra*  /-trə/; *or spectrums*

Etymology: New Latin, from Latin, appearance -- more at **SPECTER**

**1** **a** : a continuum of color formed when a beam of white light is dispersed (as by passage through a prism) so that its component wavelengths are arranged in order **b** : any of various continua that resemble a spectrum in consisting of an ordered arrangement by a particular characteristic (as frequency or energy): as (1) : **ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM** (2) : **RADIO SPECTRUM** (3) : the range of frequencies of sound waves (4) : **MASS SPECTRUM** **c** : the representation (as a plot) of a spectrum

**2** **a** : a continuous sequence or range <a wide *spectrum* of interests> **b** : kinds of organisms associated with a particular situation (as an environment) or susceptible to an agent (as an antibiotic)

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Main Entry: **spectro·scope**

Pronunciation: 'spek-trə-''skōp

Function: *noun*

Etymology: International Scientific Vocabulary

: an instrument for forming and examining spectra  
especially in the visible region of the electromagnetic  
spectrum

- **spec·tro·scop·ic** /'spek-trə-'skä-pik/ *adjective*

- **spec·tro·scop·i·cal·ly** /-pi-k(ə-)lē/ *adverb*

- **spec·tro·scop·ist** /spek-'träs-kə-pist/ *noun*

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mass spectrometry

Main Entry: **spec·trom·e·ter**

Pronunciation: spek-'*tr*ä-m&-t&r

Function: *noun*

Etymology: International Scientific Vocabulary

1 : an instrument used for measuring wavelengths of light  
*spectra*

2 : any of various analytical instruments in which an emission (as of particles or radiation) is dispersed according to some property (as mass or energy) of the emission and the amount of dispersion is measured <nuclear magnetic resonance *spectrometer*>

- **spec·tro·met·ric** /'spek-tr&-'*me-trik/ adjective*

- **spec·trom·e·try** /spek-'*tr*ä-m&-tr*E/ noun*

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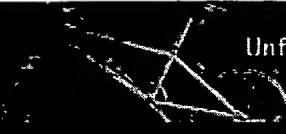
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gas-liquid chromatography

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Main Entry: **chro·ma·tog·ra·phy** ⓘ

Pronunciation: "krO-m&-'tä-gr&-fE

Function: *noun*

: a process in which a chemical mixture carried by a liquid or gas is separated into components as a result of differential distribution of the solutes as they flow around or over a stationary liquid or solid phase

- **chro·ma·to·graph·ic** ⓘ /krO-"*ma-t&-'gra-fik*, kr&-/adjective

- **chro·ma·to·graph·i·cal·ly** ⓘ /-fi-k(&-)lE/ *adverb*

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Main Entry: **chromato·gram**

Pronunciation: krō-'ma-t&-'gram, kr&-

Function: *noun*

1 : the pattern formed on the adsorbent medium by the layers of components separated by chromatography

2 : a time-based graphic record (as of concentration of eluted materials) of a chromatographic separation

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